THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO. 20230 OF 2007

DATED: 07-12-2007

Between:

Bojja Sathaiah, S/o. Narasaiah,
and another

… Petitioners

And

Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Karimnagar, Karimnagar District
and three others

… Respondents

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ORDER:

In this writ petition, the petitioners seek direction by way of Mandamus to declare the action of the respondents in not conducting the investigation pursuant to the complaint dated 03.09.2007 as illegal and arbitrary and further to direct the respondents to register a case against the owners of the vehicles and seize the vehicles, i.e., tractor bearing No.AP 1W 5327, two vans bearing Nos. AP 1 W 2889, AP 15X 2109, two jeeps bearing No.ATK 7612, AP 25B 688 and an auto bearing No.TATA ACE AP 15X 6905.

On 03-09-2007, the petitioners lodged a complaint before the Superintendent of Police, Karimnagar, which was in turn transferred to the police station, Dharmapuri in Karimnagar. The gist of the complaint was that on 31-08-2007 at about 17.00 hours, some unknown persons entered into the godown of the second petitioner/complainant and committed theft of 28 tonnes and 6 quintals of jaggery and also threatened him with dire consequences. It is the

case of the petitioners that though vehicle numbers were furnished in the complaint, no action has been taken and the vehicles have not been seized.

In the counter-affidavit filed by the learned Government Pleader on behalf of the 4th respondent, it is stated that on receipt of the complaint of the petitioners from the office of the Superintendent of Police, a case was registered in Cr.No.174/2007 for the alleged offences under Sec.454, 380, 341 and 506 IPC and the investigation is taken up.

As much as now the crime has been registered in Cr.No.174/2007 and the investigation is in progress as stated in the counter affidavit, I dispose of the writ petition directing the respondents to complete the investigation as expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of this order.

Subject to the above direction, writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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R. SUBHASH REDDY, J.

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